MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : May I know whether any representations were received as to the hardship felt by the people on account of mining operations ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Some representations were received some time back.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know the nature of the representations ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : I believe it is about sea erosion or encroachment by the sea. I have not got the papers with me now and so I am not able to give the exact information.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether Government are aware that on account of sea erosion much hardship is felt by the people on the sea coast ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : The matter has been enquired into and the needful will be done.

PRESIDENT : Certain directions have been issued on the matter.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the nature of the orders issued ?

PRESIDENT : A definite order has been issued to the Company to be more careful in regard to the preservation of private property.

Mining lease in favour of Travancore Minerals Company, Ltd.

167. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a mining lease in favour of Travancore Minerals Company, Ltd., was granted;

(*b*) the terms as regards rents and royalties in the lease; and

(*c*) the price of a ton of monazite on the date of the lease; and the price in 1113 and 1114?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the terms for payment of royalty for the different minerals in the lease granted to the Travancore Minerals Company is *appended.

(*c*) In the year 1928 the price per ton of monazite was approximately Rs. 250. The price has been steadily decreasing and during the years 1113 and 1114 the price fetched by the mineral was Rs. 160 per ton approximately.

The Labour Commissioner.

168. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date of the appointment of the present Labour Commissioner ;

(*b*) his duties ; and

(*c*) in how many industrial disputes, he has interfered after his appointment till at present ?

* *Vide* Appendix VIII, page 343.

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Appendix VIII.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 167**

Rents and Royalties reserved by the Lease.

Monazite: British Rupees (40) forty per ton of Monazite extracted from the licensed premises and taken into stock or sold if the market selling price of Monozite is not higher than £ (25) twenty five per ton or lower than £ (20) twenty per ton; provided that if the market selling price exceeds £ (25) twenty five per ton the Lessee shall pay to the Government a surplus royalty over and above Bh. Rs. 40 forty per ton, of ten per cent. on any excess over £ (25) twenty five, and provided also that if the market selling price falls below £ (20) twenty per ton, the Lessee shall subject to a minimum royalty of Bh. Rs. (30) thirty per ton, be entitled to a rebate of 10 per cent. on the deficiency.

Zircon; Bh. Rs. (7½) seven and a half per ton of Zircon extracted from the lease-hold if the selling price of Zircon is not higher than £ (10) ten per ton or lower than £ (8) eight per ton; provided that if the selling price at any time exceeds £ (10) ten per ton, Lessee shall pay to the Government in addition to the Royalty of Bh. Rs. (7½) seven and a half per ton a surplus royalty of 10 per cent. on such excess.

Provided also that if the selling price falls below £ (8) eight per ton, the lessee shall subject to a minimum royalty of 5 per cent. of the selling price, be entitled to a rebate of 5 per cent. on such deficiency.

Ilmenite: Bh. Re. (1) one per ton of ilmenite extracted from the licensed premises if the selling price of ilmenite is not higher than £ (3½) three and a half per ton or lower than £ (2) two per ton; provided that if the selling price exceeds £ (3½) three and a half per ton the Lessee shall pay to the Government in addition to the royalty of Re. (1) one per ton a surplus royalty of five per cent. on such excess; provided also that if the selling price falls below £ (2) two per ton, the Lessee shall be entitled to a rebate of ten per cent. on such deficiency subject in any case to a minimum royalty of 12 annas per ton.

Sillimanite: Rs. (20) per ton when the price is between £ (5) five and £ (7½) seven and a half per ton. An additional royalty at the rate of 15 per cent. on the excess is payable by the Company when the price of the mineral goes above £ (7½) seven and a half per ton, and the company is entitled to a rebate of 15 per cent. on the deficiency in the selling price, if it falls below £ (5) five per ton subject in any case to a minimum Royalty of Rs. (10) ten per ton.

Rutile: 33 1/3 per cent. of the selling price.

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